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Dear Mr Dove

Cotham School Academy (Bristol) Ofsted requirement for playing fields fencing

Thank you for your email of 29 May 2018 regarding these playing fields and Cotham School's proposal to erect a fence on this site.

Ofsted does not have particular expectations about how a school should manage issues to do with site security, such as perimeter fences and access for members of the public, although we would expect risks to be properly considered and managed.

We take safeguarding very seriously. During inspection, inspectors gather evidence to determine whether safeguarding is effective. In the report on Cotham School, published online on 10 May 2018, safeguarding was found to be effective.

To be clear, Ofsted has not required Cotham School to erect a fence on these playing fields.

I hope this letter clarifies Ofsted's position on safeguarding and, in particular, its position with regard to the playing fields you mention.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Dove

Cotham School Academy (Bristol) Ofsted requirement for playing fields fencing

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2018 to Daniel Bywater, Business Support Officer.

To be clear, Ofsted has at no time set particular requirements about fencing in respect of Cotham School or in respect of any playing fields or open spaces the school uses or has used. We do not have particular expectations about how a school should manage issues to do with site security, such as perimeter fences and access for members of the public.

I hope this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely

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